# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

**Monday, the 25th March 1963.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

### I.—EXPRESSION OF SORROW AT THE DEMISE OF SRI M. PATANJALI SASTRI, FORMER MEMBER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to convey to the House the sad news of the sudden death of Sri M. Patanjali Sastri, a nominated Member of this House from July 1958 to April 1962 at New Delhi on the 16th March 1963.

Sri M. Patanjali Sastri was an eminent Member of the Madras Bar and he specialised in the Income-Tax Law. He was appointed a Judge of the Madras High Court in March 1939 and later in December 1947 a Judge of the Federal Court and the Supreme Court. He became Chief Justice of India in 1951 and held this high office till 1953. He was Pro-Chancellor of the Delhi University during 1953–56. He visited Barcelona in Spain as the leader of the Indian Delegation to the First International Congress of Comparative Law held under the auspices of the International Association of Legal Science of the UNESCO. He was a Member of the Executive Council, Benares Hindu University, and Chairman of the Central Sanskrit Board. He was a great scholar and a gentleman with an amiable disposition. He endeared himself to one and all by his simplicity, sweet manners and courtesy. As a Member of this House, as Members are aware, he took very keen interest in its deliberations and made very valuable contributions on important legal problems. On behalf of this House, I shall convey our deep sense of sorrow to the members of the bereaved family.

I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late Sri M. Patanjali Sastri.

Accordingly, all Members stood in silence for a minute.

### II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### STARRED QUESTIONS.

*All-India Handloom Board*

*60 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government was consulted in the matter of constitution and re-constitution of All-India Handloom Board;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government has made any recommendation in regard to the number of persons to be represented in the All-India Handloom Board; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been reduction in the number of representatives of this State in the All-India Handloom Board?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The State Government was not consulted by the Government of India when the Board was re-constituted in January 1963.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, is it not a fact that in the previous year, the Government of India consulted this Government when constituting this All-India Handloom Board?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, they did on the past occasions.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Have this Government sought the reasons from the Government of India for not consulting this Government this year?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, we did not do that, because we thought that it was within the competence of the Government of India.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : What steps have this Government taken, since the representation of non-official members on this Board has been reduced for our State considerably?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I wish to inform the hon. Member that the Estimates Committee of Parliament had remarked that the All-India Handloom Board was a very unwieldy body having more than 60 members and recommended that the membership be reduced. Therefore they reduced the membership proportionately to all the States.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the re-constituted Board, there is no exporter or manufaturer representative from the Madras State even though more than 50 per cent of the production of handloom cloth is from this State, taking into consideration the production of the whole of India, and also 90 per cent of the total exports are from Madras State only?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : This is a question which the hon. Member must put in Parliament and not in this House.